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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.51(b), 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the documents that appear listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of all such non-U.S. patent documents are attached hereto.

Applicants respectfully request that each of these documents be considered by the Examiner, made of record herein, listed on the "Notice of References Cited" to be issued in this application and printed on any patent which may issue from this application. Applicants also respectfully request that a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449, initialed by the Examiner, be

returned to Applicants' attorney together with the next communication indicating that these documents have in fact been considered.

Applicants have included on the Form PTO 1449 U.S.

Patent 6,489,412, which appears to be the U.S. counterpart to

listed Japanese Patent Document No. 2000-344823. Also included

on the Form PTO 1449 is an English-language translation of the

abstract of that Japanese patent document.

Applicants request a prompt and favorable examination of the instant application.

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